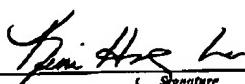
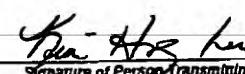


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Responsive to the official communication of July 2, 2002, Applicant submits the following Election.

It is not believed that extensions of time are. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.